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FIGHTING HAND TO HAND IN TRENCHES

Russians Bayoneted the Japs—The Latter In Turn Attacked the Attacks With Hand Grenades and Forced Them to Retire—Port Arthur Fleet is Getting Ready to Make a Sortie.

St Petersburg, Dec. 3.—General Sakharoff telegraphing yesterday reports a successful reconnaissance by sharpshooters on Thursday night in the direction of the Japanese entrenchments. The Russians first bayoneted the Japanese outpost of thirty men, entered the entrenchments and bayoneted another twenty. Japanese reinforcements then coming up attacked the sharpshooters with hand grenades, forcing the Russians to retire.

WILL MAKE SORTIE.

Tokio, Dec. 3, noon.—It is the general opinion here that the Port Arthur fleet will attempt to make a sortie when the harbor becomes unseizable or when the Russian plans for escape mature. It is evident that most of the ships are badly damaged and unfit for service, but have some fighting power. The Russians continue mine clearing operations, manifestly for the purpose of preserving an avenue of escape. The Port Arthur besiegers report that yesterday bearers of flags of truce in the direction of the left wing arranged for a partial armistice to extend from 10 o'clock in the morning to 4 in the afternoon for the removal of the dead and wounded.

RAILWAY BOMBARDED.

Mukden, Dec. 2, via Pekin, Dec. 3.—The Russian siege artillery began a bombardment at noon in this region of the railway below Schiatun, a station near Shabke. The bombardment was continuing heavily throughout the afternoon. A large train of sick and wounded, part of whom were wounded in a recent small fight on the east bank, went north yesterday, indicating that the Russians were preparing for imminent casualties.

LASTED SIX HOURS.

Tokio, Dec. 3.—The first armistice between the combatants at Port Arthur was declared on December 2 for the purpose of burying the dead. It lasted for a period of six hours.

WERE DRIVEN OFF.

Tokio, Dec. 3.—Manchurian headquarters, reporting Friday night, say, "On Thursday at 10 in the evening the enemy's infantry attacked Manchurian positions on the mountain. They were immediately repulsed. On Friday morning the enemy's infantry and cavalry approached Hancheng, but were driven off."

LOOKING FOR STEAMERS.

Antwerp, Dec. 3.—Russia is reported to be again seeking steamers for the dispatch of provisions and ammunition to Vladivostok. It is stated in shipping circles here that offers have been made as high as \$22.00 a ton, including a risk of capture.

NOW AT TANGIER.

Tangier, Dec. 3.—The Russian cruiser Dnieper and two torpedo boat destroyers have arrived here.

REFUSED MARRIAGE.

New York Civil Engineer Ruled Life With a Bullet.

New York, Dec. 3.—Because a woman with whom he had lived at a Lexington avenue hotel for several weeks repeatedly refused his request that a marriage ceremony be performed, Edward L. Gray, a civil engineer, shot himself early to-day and died instantly. The woman had just fled from his presence when the fatal shot was fired. The woman is Lulu Adams. She says that Gray was insanely jealous of another man and that he spent all last night vainly looking for his rival with the avowed intention of killing him. He returned to the hotel early this morning. He then renewed his appeals to the woman that she marry him and when she again refused, threatened to kill her and himself. She escaped from the room just in time to save her life, she says and had scarcely crossed the threshold when she heard the shot which Gray turned upon himself. Gray was about 30 years old, Miss Adams is 28.

THE VOIE IN MAINE.

Republican Plurality Nearly as Large as in Connecticut.

Augusta, Me. Dec. 3.—The result of the tabulation by the governor and council of the official returns for presidential electors was announced to-day. It was as follows:

Republican, 64,437; democratic, 27,630; prohibition, 1,340; socialist, 2,106; people's, 338. The total vote was 96,851 and the republican plurality 36,807. The people's party failed to obtain 1 per cent of the total which is necessary to retain a place on the ballot.

BISHOP'S DAUGHTER DEAD.

New York, Dec. 3.—A dispatch received here to-day announces the death of Mrs. Andrew C. Weeks, eldest daughter of Bishop Cyrus Weeks of the Methodist church, at Alhambra, Cal., yesterday.

CASES POSTPONED.

Hartford, Dec. 3.—At the request of the prosecuting attorney the cases against Burton Engle and Francis J. Heicher were postponed until Monday in the court this morning.

WILLCOX GETS IT

Postmaster at New York—Name Will be Sent to Senate Tuesday.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Senator Platt of New York to-day announced that William F. Willcox will be appointed postmaster at New York. Mr. Willcox was park commissioner under the Low administration.

The following official statement was made at the white house regarding Mr. Willcox's appointment: "The president has decided to appoint William F. Willcox postmaster at New York city, and Mr. Willcox's nomination will go into the senate on Tuesday next."

Washington, Dec. 3.—I know of only one reason why Governor Odell should not control the legislature and the election of a senator to succeed Depew and that is that Odell promised positively, ten days before election, to Depew and myself, that he would not interfere."

The foregoing statement was made by Senator Thomas C. Platt of New York to-day to a newspaper man who called on him at his apartments at the New Willard hotel. Senator Platt was asked if anything new had transpired concerning the senatorship and he replied that there had been nothing of consequence, that he was sure Senator Depew would be re-elected. "Everybody knows what I think about it," he said. When his attention was called to a published interview with Representative Littauer to the effect that Governor Odell would control the legislature and the ex-Governor Black would be elected, the senator made the statement quoted. Continuing, he said: "I think there are enough conservatives in New York to recognize that Depew has been a model senator and insist upon his return. If Odell and his machinery can defeat Depew at this time I think it is about time for us to hang up the fiddle."

EVENED IT UP.

Wage Scale in Plant of the Illinois Steel Company.

Chicago, Dec. 3.—When the plate mill of the Illinois Steel Co. reopened Monday an unusual re-arrangement of workers' wages will be put into effect. Those of the highly paid men will be reduced, and the wages of the unskilled new men will be raised. The equalizing process, it is expected, will be carried later all through the great plant in South Chicago.

CHURCH BURNED.

Big Conflagration in Hyannis Wiped Out Thirteen Buildings.

Hyannis, Mass. Dec. 3.—The worst fire in the history of this town broke out shortly after midnight in the store of A. D. Baker, and within three hours destroyed thirteen structures including the Universalist church. No lives were lost in the fire, but Captain William P. Lewis, a retired master mariner, dropped dead of heart failure induced by the excitement and exhaustion attendant upon his efforts to save his beautiful residence from the flames. The property damage is estimated at \$150,000 and most of this will be a complete loss to the owners, as the insurance rates in the town were so high as to be practically prohibitive.

The greater portion of the business district of the village was wiped out by the fire, which spread with frightful rapidity.

All the business houses on the north side of Main street were destroyed. The fire originated from unknown causes in the store of W. D. Baker on the west side of the railroad tracks and was not checked until it reached the store of I. W. Bacon. The following buildings were destroyed: L. P. Wilson's store, W. D. Baker's store, Richardson Bros' store, W. P. Bearse & Co's store, Campbell & Co's store, the warehouses of the Singer Sewing Machine Co. the postoffice, the pharmacy of C. W. Meserole, in which was located the telephone exchange, the Universalist church, and the stores of F. H. Bassett, J. E. Baxter, T. W. Nickerson, A. B. Nye and Eagleton Bros.

THIS BARGE SANK.

Philadelphia, Dec. 3.—The barge Santiago, owned by the Staples Coal Co., which arrived at the Delaware breakwater yesterday from Newport News, sank to-day in the harbor or between the breakwater and the city. The barge was loaded with coal and was being towed by the tugboat "Maggie A. Davis." Neither craft was seriously damaged. At 9:30 to-day the wind was blowing at the rate of 35 miles an hour at the breakwater and the weather was heavy.

DIVIDEND DECLARED.

New York, Dec. 3.—A dividend of \$50 per share has been declared on the stock of the Boston and Montana Consolidated Copper and Silver Mining Co. The Boston and Montana is controlled by the Amalgamated Copper Co.

TOWN IS ALARMED

Col. Turpee Wants It as Well as Some of His Cash.

Colonel Lucien F. Turpee has started in to make matters interesting for Frederick B. Atwood of Woodbury, whose suit against the colonel was thrown out of the superior court a few days ago. Colonel Turpee has drawn up papers in a suit against Atwood and they may be served this evening. If not they will be served Monday.

The papers say that on January 5, 1903, Mr. Atwood brought suit against the colonel for \$2,000 damages. That suit was dismissed by the courts. A second count, says that another suit, like the first one, was thrown out of court the other day. The papers go on to say that both suits were based on malice; that they were instituted notwithstanding that Mr. Atwood had full knowledge that he had no cause for a suit, that their object was to annoy and vex and trouble plaintiff.

The closing paragraphs are to the effect that Colonel Turpee expended \$500 in defending the suits, that his business suffered to the amount of \$300, that he lost considerable time and was put to great inconvenience, and that his bank account of \$5,000 was held up by an attachment, thus he was deprived of his regular income and the use of that money as well.

MAIL DOGS DIED.

Carriers Have Suffered Much in the Western States.

Seattle, Wash. Dec. 3.—A special dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer from Dawson states that the mail carriers between Valdes and Fairbanks have suffered the most severe hardships, having been caught without food and supplies and forced to cache all mail and seek aid. Their dogs died of cold and hunger. No mail has arrived at Dawson from Fairbanks since the river closed. The merchants of Dawson have sent a petition to Washington asking the government to establish a direct service between the two places.

Twenty Japanese have been brought to Valdes charged with murdering another Japanese at Tarkulu.

CUSTOMS APPRAISERS

TO HAVE A CONFERENCE

New York, Dec. 3.—In conformity with an order of the treasury department, the annual conference of customs appraisers of the country will begin in this city next Monday. The sessions will continue a week or ten days, their length depending on the number and character of the subjects to be submitted for consideration.

PRINCE FUSHIMI

VISITING AT HARVARD.

Boston, Dec. 3.—Prince Sadamuru Fushimi of Japan spent part of to-day at Harvard university, Cambridge, where he was the guest of President Charles W. Eliot. The prince and members of his staff were met at Hotel Somerset, this city, by Judge Francis Lowell and Jerome D. Greene, representing President Eliot, and all were driven to Cambridge. President Eliot received the distinguished visitor at the faculty room in University hall. The party was then escorted to various points of interest in the university. Subsequently Prince Fushimi returned to Boston and was tendered a reception at the chamber of commerce.

JANUSCHKE Laid to Rest.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—All that was mortal of the once famous actress, Francesca Romana Januscheck, has been laid to rest in Evergreen cemetery. Next her sleep the great English actor, Charles Coidcock, and the celebrated Hungarian violinist, Remenzl, who died suddenly in Chicago, where Mrs. Gilbert now lies dead.

NISSEN DIED FROM NEURALGIA.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—Peter Nissen, whose dead body and the wreck of the canvas bag in which he rolled across Lake Michigan were found near Stevensville, Mich., died as a result of exposure and shock, according to the finding of a coroner's jury. Dr. John S. Beers gave it as his belief that Nissen had reached the shore alive, but that he was terribly exhausted from lack of air and that when he began cutting his way out of his queer craft he died from neuralgia.

WEATHER FORECAST

Forecast for Connecticut: Snow to-night; Sunday generally cloudy, probably with snow; fresh north winds, increasing in force.

BUSY as BEES

The Hampson-Sellow force didn't look for such a flood of letters as came to them in answer to their Ad in the Democrat, and consequently every employee from the elevator man to the high-salaried floor walker had to turn in and work like a beaver. DOES IT PAY TO ADVERTISE IN THE DEMOCRAT? Just ask those who have been there and know all about it.

THE DEMOCRAT

Does into the homes of the people who buy their wants in Waterbury and have the cash to pay for them.

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THE EMPEROR'S ORDERS.

Helsingfors, Finland, Dec. 3.—An order has been issued by Emperor Nicholas that as the statutes of the Finnish diet require members to participate in its deliberations, all expelled persons who have been elected, deputies or who are heads of hereditary noble houses shall be permitted to re-enter and attend the diet until the session closes. The assembling of the diet December 6 arouses the most intense interest among the Finnish people as the session is regarded as being of vital importance in determining the future status of the grand duchy.

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There will be an important meeting of the Catholic Benevolent legion to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock in the office of Attorney T. F. Lawlor, Lewis block, Bank street.

How you get U. S. & Co. tickets. They are given to anyone making a purchase of two dollars or more in the boys' department, but if you ask for them you can get them when making a purchase of that amount in any department in the stores, either Bank or South Main streets.

Mrs. Keough, 194 Baldwin street. Special for this evening and Monday: One lot blankets, were \$1.00, sale price 75c; one lot, sizes 11-4, were \$1.25, sale price 98c; wool blankets from \$2.98 to \$3.50; children's toques, were 25c, sale price 22c; children's double toques, were 50c, sale price 38c; children's double mittens, were 15c, sale price 10c; ladies' black mottled skirts from 98c to \$1.98; ladies' flannel night gowns.

The jewelry firm of The Lake & Strobel Co. is offering a very fine line of ladies' solid gold watches, and at \$15, \$18 and \$20, and some as high in price as \$50. There is also a fine line of gentlemen's solid gold watches, ranging from \$20 to \$150; diamond link sleeve buttons at prices ranging from \$3 to \$75, and a hundred and one articles for use and ornament usually found in a first-class jewelry store. These who contemplate buying Christmas presents will find it to their advantage to inspect the extensive stock carried by this house.

THE COUNTRY STORE A MARK FOR BURGLARS.

Several Places Robbed Last Night in Southern Part of State—Money and Checks Were Secured at Springfield—The Glenbrook Postoffice Entered But the Postmaster Had Taken Away Everything of Value.

Stamford, Dec. 3.—Burglars entered the store of Jeremiah Miller in Springfield, four miles from here, last night, and broke into the safe by using nitro-glycerine. Cash to the amount of \$60 and a number of checks were taken. The heavy steel doors protecting the inner compartment of the safe resisted the efforts of the burglars, who were apparently frightened away before completing their work. Several times before the store has been robbed, and recently a burglar alarm system had been arranged with a wire running to the house of a clerk employed in the store. The burglars last night cut this wire before beginning operations on the safe.

The postoffice at Glenbrook, two miles below Springfield, was also entered during the night by burglars, but nothing of value was disturbed, all the stamps and money having been removed from the office by the postmaster for the night.

THE COTTON PRODUCTION

More Than Twelve Million Bales Produced Last Season.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Preliminary returns to the chief of the bureau of statistics department of agriculture show a total production of cotton in the United States in the year 1904-1905 of 12,162,000 bales. Round bales have been included in this estimate and reduced to their equivalent in square bales. The estimate does not include linters. The estimated production by states will be made public December 5 at 11 a. m.

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FOR CHRISTMAS.

It's Best for You to Decide Now.

Only three weeks to Christmas and have you made up your mind what to give? The time will soon be gone by and you will get the greatest satisfaction if you buy right away, particularly so if you buy a piece of furniture, which makes one of the most acceptable and useful gifts.

The Hampson-Sellow Christmas Store.

Santa Claus says he gets the best presents at the Hampson-Sellow store. What would be appreciated more than a Sideboard, a China Closet, a Parlor Suit, a Morris Chair, a Parlor Cabinet for bric-a-brac, a large easy Rocker, a Ladies' Sewing Rocker, a Glenwood Range and a host of other things that the Hampson-Sellow Co. sells at most reasonable prices.